

San Diego Police Department

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE September 6, 2006

CONTACT: Lieutenant John Leas Street Gang Unit (619) 531-2517

POLICE ARREST SUSPECTS IN ROBBERY AT TROLLEY STOP

San Diego Police Department Street Gang Unit detectives and Gang Suppression officers have identified and arrested three suspected gang members involved in a street robbery in Logan Heights. The suspects were wanted in connection with a robbery that occurred at about 8:20 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2006, at the trolley station located at 32nd Street and Commercial Avenue.

The 16-year-old female victim exited the trolley on her way home from work. She was approached by a group of five people. A female in the group asked the victim "Where are you from?" The female suspect shouted a gang set name and the group proceeded to attack the victim, hitting her with hands and feet. The victim fell to the ground during the attack. One of the suspects took a cellular phone from the victim's pocket. The victim sustained minor facial injuries during the attack and did not require medical treatment.

Uniformed Gang Suppression officers Rich McCoy and Ken Davis observed the robbery in progress and took three suspects into custody: Donald Bandy, 18 of San Diego, and two 15-year-old juveniles, all with ties to a local San Diego street gang. Two other suspects remain outstanding, including the female who made the initial gang challenge to the victim. The investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact the San Diego Police Department Street Gang Unit at (619) 531-2847 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS, where their information can remain confidential and they can be eligible for a reward of up to \$1000.

###